

March 11, 2014

The Honorable Mo Brooks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brooks:

Thank you for your letter concerning to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) regarding implementation of Section 1651 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013. A proposed rule implementing this provision was published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2014. 79 FR 77955. The initial public comment period was scheduled to close on February 27, 2015. Due to several requests, SBA has decided to reopen the comment period to afford stakeholders an opportunity to comment on these important regulations. The extended comment period ends on April 6, 2015. 80 FR 12353. After the comment period closes, SBA will consider all public comments and draft a final rule. After SBA issues a final rule, SBA will forward the final rule to the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council for action.

We appreciate your continued support of SBA and the Alabama small business community. If you or your staff have additional questions, please feel contact the SBA Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

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